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Missouri Department of  
Transportation



## Our Mission

*Our primary mission is to provide services to Missouri and those traveling through Missouri.*

## Who We Are

Motor Carrier Services joined the Missouri Department of Transportation in July 2002 when Gov. Bob Holden signed legislation merging the program requirements from four separate agencies that serve the motor-carrier industry. The intent was to streamline processes, share relevant information and increase voluntary compliance.

The division provides information, credentials, permits, and enforces safety and economic regulations for businesses and individuals operating commercial vehicles on the public highways in and through Missouri. Headquartered in Jefferson City, Mo., there are nine regional offices distributed throughout MoDOT's 10 districts across the state. Motor Carrier Services currently employs approximately 100 individuals throughout the state, dedicated to improving highway safety and saving lives.

## What We Do

### Overdimension/Overweight (OD/OW) Permits

- Issue permits for vehicles and/or equipment exceeding the legal limits for width, length, height and weight if a safe route can be found.
- Take applications by direct phone, phone from MoDOT districts, mail, internet and walk-ins.
- Issue permits for a single trip or a definite time period.
- Ensures that loads in excess of routine permit limits are evaluated by district offices, MoDOT's Bridge Division and meets fuel, licensing and insurance requirements.



### International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA)

- Administer motor-fuel taxation for interstate carriers.
- Processes quarterly fuel tax returns filed by licensees based in Missouri showing all miles traveled and fuel consumed in each member states/providences.
- Issues annual license and decals for qualified vehicles.
- Works in conjunction with the Department of Revenue to perform fuel tax audits.

*provide a safe and economical highway system for the citizens of  
ing/visiting Missouri so they can have safe passage throughout our state.*

### **International Registration Plan (IRP)**

- Administers commercial vehicle registrations for motor carriers operating in and through Missouri and other member state/providences.
- Computes and collects vehicle license fees for member states/providences based on weight and percentage of miles traveled in each member state/providences.
- Issues temporary operating authority for Missouri based motor carriers including permits for motor carriers based in other states/providences traveling in and thru Missouri.
- Works in conjunction with the Department of Revenue to perform mileage audits.

### **Single State Registration System (SSRS)**

- Registers interstate for-hire motor carriers holding authority issued by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration and ensures adequate insurance coverage is in place depending on the type of carrier, i.e. non-hazardous commodities, passengers etc.
- Collects and distributes fees for other states.
- Issues annual registration credentials for motor carriers registered in Missouri.

### **Hazardous Waste/Waste Tire Transporter**

- Provides license/registration for transporters of hazardous waste and/or waste tires operating in or through Missouri.
- Collects and distributes fees which are deposited into the Missouri Department of Natural Resources fund.
- Coordinates licensing with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

### **Interstate Exempt/Intrastate Regulatory Authority**

- Issues annual certificates, permits and or property carrier registration (unless exempted by state law) to motor carriers exempt from registration with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration who transports property or passengers between or through Missouri or wholly within the state.
- Provides one-year license to for-hire transporters moving houses.
- Verifies motor carriers have required insurance.
- Provides information to motor carriers operating within Missouri to ensure their understanding of the state and federal regulations to establish and maintain a satisfactory safety rating.

*Motor Carrier Services Division partners with stakeholders including federal, state, and local enforcement agencies, the motor carrier industry, safety groups and organized labor on efforts to reduce bus and truck-related crashes.*

## **Enforcement of Missouri Bus and Truck and Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations/ Hazardous Materials Regulations**

- Inspect commercial motor vehicles and driver at terminals and destinations, conduct compliance reviews, conduct intrastate and interstate new entrant safety audits at motor carrier terminals, commercial vehicle safety inspections, and investigate complaints.
- Prepare prosecution cases when serious violations are discovered.
- Provide educational outreach assistance to motor carriers based in Missouri.
- Conduct homeland safety and security education and assessments provided to motor carriers during terminal visits.



## **Medical Exemption Program**

- Issue Skill Performance Evaluation (SPE) certificates to applicants who do not meet certain physical qualifications prescribed by law to drivers of commercial motor vehicles, but only if those individuals meet alternate standards which satisfy that the driver-applicant can safely operate a commercial motor vehicle.
- Certificates can only be issued to applicants who are not physically qualified because of limb amputation, limb impairment, vision impairment or insulin-treated diabetes mellitus. If a person is not physically qualified to drive a commercial motor vehicle for any other cause or reason, MoDOT cannot issue that person a SPE Certificate.
- MoDOT currently offers this program only for intrastate drivers. Anyone seeking a medical exemption for interstate transportation, or to drive across any state boundary, must submit an application to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.



## Program Involvement

### **Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSR)**

The Motor Carrier Services Division enforces federal regulations that promote carrier safety, industry productivity and new technologies. These regulations establish safe operating requirements for commercial vehicle drivers, carriers, vehicles and vehicle equipment.

### **Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMRs)**

Motor Carrier Services enforces HMRs, which are designed to ensure the safe and secure transportation of hazardous materials. These rules address the classification of hazardous materials, proper packaging, employee training, hazard communication and operational requirements.

### **Motor Carrier Safety Identification and Information Systems**

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) provides safety data – state and national crash statistics, current analysis results, and detailed motor carrier safety performance data – to industry and the public. This data allows federal and state enforcement officials to target inspections and investigations on higher risk carriers, vehicles and drivers.

### **New Entrant Safety Assurance Process**

Motor Carrier Services Division ensures that new entrant motor carriers (carriers applying for a new USDOT number) are knowledgeable about applicable federal motor carrier safety and hazardous materials regulations. There is an 18-month monitoring period for new applicants, which requires the carrier to pass a safety audit and maintain safe operations to receive permanent USDOT registration. New entrant motor carriers that fail to maintain adequate basic safety management controls may have their temporary USDOT registration revoked.

## **Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program**

A federal grant program provides states with financial assistance to hire staff and implement strategies to enforce FMCSRs and HMRs. MCSAP funds are used to conduct commercial motor vehicle inspections and review motor carriers' compliance with these regulations. MCSAP funds promote detection and correction of commercial motor vehicle safety defects, commercial-vehicle driver deficiencies, and unsafe motor carrier practices before they become contributing factors to crashes and hazardous materials incidents.

## **Performance and Registration Information Systems Management**

A federal-state partnership that makes safe performance a requirement for obtaining and keeping commercial vehicle registration, PRISM links federal motor carrier safety records with the state's vehicle registration system. The USDOT number of the carrier responsible for safety is identified at the vehicle level – allowing the state to determine a carrier's safety fitness before issuing license plates. Safety performance is continuously monitored, and carriers prohibited by FMCSA from operating in interstate commerce may have their ability to register vehicles denied. PRISM plays a key role in FMCSA's effort to remove high-risk carriers from our highways.

## **Safety Education And Outreach**

The Motor Carrier Services Division implements educational strategies to increase motor carrier compliance with the safety regulations and reduce the likelihood of a commercial vehicle crash. Messages are aimed at commercial motor vehicle drivers and motor carriers.





## Important Web Sites

Motor Carrier Services' Web site is linked to many related and subsidiary sites. Listed below are the highlights.

### Links

American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators  
[www.aamva.org](http://www.aamva.org)

International Registration Plan, Inc.  
[www.aamva.org/IRP/Index.asp](http://www.aamva.org/IRP/Index.asp)

International Fuel Tax Association, Inc.  
[www.iftach.org](http://www.iftach.org)

### Federal

US Department of Transportation  
[www.dot.gov](http://www.dot.gov)

Federal Highway Administration  
[www.fhwa.dot.gov](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov)

US DOT Office of Hazardous Material Safety  
[hazmat.dot.gov](http://hazmat.dot.gov)

HazMat – Research & Special Programs Admin.  
[hazmat.dot.gov](http://hazmat.dot.gov)

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations  
[www.fmcsa.dot.gov/rulesregs/fmcsr/fmcsrguide.htm](http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/rulesregs/fmcsr/fmcsrguide.htm)

GPO Access  
[www.gpoaccess.gov](http://www.gpoaccess.gov)

SAFER  
[www.safer.fmcsa.dot.gov](http://www.safer.fmcsa.dot.gov)

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration  
[www.fmcsa.dot.gov](http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov)

Occupational Safety and Health Administration  
[www.allaboutosha.com](http://www.allaboutosha.com)

Do it Yourself – Federal Registration  
[diy.dot.gov](http://diy.dot.gov)

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
[www.nhtsa.dot.gov](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov)

### State of Missouri Links

Missouri Department of Revenue  
[www.dor.mo.gov](http://www.dor.mo.gov)

Missouri Department of Natural Resources  
[www.dnr.mo.gov](http://www.dnr.mo.gov)

State Emergency Management Agency  
[www.sema.state.mo.us](http://www.sema.state.mo.us)

Missouri State Highway Patrol  
[www.mshp.dps.mo.gov](http://www.mshp.dps.mo.gov)

Missouri Department of Transportation  
[www.modot.mo.gov](http://www.modot.mo.gov)

Office of the Secretary of State  
[www.sos.mo.gov](http://www.sos.mo.gov)

Missouri Division of Vocational Rehabilitation  
[www.vr.dese.mo.gov](http://www.vr.dese.mo.gov)

Veterans Administration Facilities  
[www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)

**Other Safety Organization Links**  
Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance - CVSA  
[www.cvsa.org](http://www.cvsa.org)

### Missouri Metropolitan City Links

Kansas City Police Department  
[www.kcpd.org](http://www.kcpd.org)

Springfield Police Department  
[www.ci.springfield.mo.us/spd/index.html](http://www.ci.springfield.mo.us/spd/index.html)

Kirksville Police Department  
[www.kirksvillecity.com/Police/police.html](http://www.kirksvillecity.com/Police/police.html)

St. Charles Police Department  
[www.stcharlescity.com/Administration/CityAdministrator/Departments/Police](http://www.stcharlescity.com/Administration/CityAdministrator/Departments/Police)

St. Louis Police Department  
[64.218.68.50/stlouis/news/Impd/viewer.htm](http://64.218.68.50/stlouis/news/Impd/viewer.htm)

Joplin Police Department  
[www.joplinpolice.org](http://www.joplinpolice.org)

Poplar Bluff Police Department  
[police.butlerco.org](http://police.butlerco.org)

*For other state transportation links or state highway patrol links see list on web page.*



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[www.modot.org](http://www.modot.org)

[www.carrier.state.mo.us](http://www.carrier.state.mo.us)